Statement

Amount of food subsidy released to the States under the Decentralised Procurement Scheme during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

State	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Chhatisgarh	158.60	89.94	628.87
Madhya Pradesh	128.27	66.74	118.75
Orissa*	Nil	Nil	40.96
Tamil Nadu	Nil	45.82	27.21
Uttaranchal	13.97	80.43	92.73
Uttar Pradesh	1120.70	975.62	1377.96
West Bengal	81.19	27.41	179.97

*Orissa has undertaken decentralized procurement of foodgrains only from 2004-05.

Coverage under TPDS

527. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half of below poverty line families are still out of the purview of the Targeted Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closure of HVOCL

528. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi has ordered the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited to close its Unit by making all payments to its employees and that more than 67 per cent

industrial land situated in Kirti Nagar Industrial Area, Delhi should have been given to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in 1996;

(b) if so, the action taken by the company so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that the employees of one of its Unit have illegally occupied 1 $^{1}/_{2}$ acres of land at Sabji Mandi, Ghantaghar, Delhi; and

(d) if so, Government's initiative in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Supreme Court of India in its order passed in the case of M.C. Mehta vs Union of India & others, categorized the Delhi Vanaspati Unit of Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited as a 'H' category & has ordered that it should be closed down from 30.11.1996. As per the said order, the Company has to hand over part of the land to Delhi Development Authority. The exact size/measurement of the land to be handed over is subjudice in the apex Court.

(c) and (d) No Sir. One ex employee has continued to occupy the Company quarter of the Sabji Mandi Unit of the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited which was allotted to him during his service. As such, his final dues have not been settled. The Company has been directed to take legal action for vacation of the Company premises.

Evaluation of TPDS

529. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study was conducted on the evaluation of Targeted Public Distribution System and Antyodaya Anna Yojana and a draft report was circulated to the State Governments for their comments;

(b) if so, the main finding of the study;

(c) the comments of the State Governments thereon;

(d) whether a final report nas been prepared;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and